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1. PROFESSOR PETER JONES, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. AMSPEC, ICS/DA.
"AMERICAN DREAM REVISITED". "AMERICA: A HISTORY OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH", "CULTURAL PLURALISM: THE MELTING POT".

2. QP-VG, ED-VG, AR-G. VG, RO-E.

3. DEMONSTRATING AN ENCYCLOPEDIA KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICA, BUT
ESPECIALLY ITS ECONOMIC HISTORY, JONES GAVE AND WELL-
RESEARCHED TALKS TO BNC AND UNIVERSITY AUDIENCES IN JAKARTA,
YOGYAKARTA, AND SURABAYA. EXCEPT FOR YOGYA, WHERE DEANS,
DEPARTMENT HEADS, LECTURERS AND SENIOR STUDENT OF HISTORY AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE AT GADJAH MADA UNIVERSITY ENTERED ACTIVELY
AND INTELLIGENTLY INTO DISCUSSION PERIOD, AUDIENCE RESPONSE
WAS GOOD, BUT NO MORE, PROBABLY DUE TO JONE'S RAPID SPEAKING
MANNER AND DETAILED REFERENCES TO THE AMERICAN SCENE, WITH
WHICH NOT ALL WERE FAMILIAR. HE FIELDDED QUESTIONS ON
RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES, WATERGATE, ROLE OF WOMEN IN
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POLITICS, COUNTER CULTURES, EXODUS FROM THE CITIES, AND MANIFEST

DESTINY FRANKLY, BUT WITH INTELLIGENT OPTIMISM. THE ONLY
QUESTION HE COULD NOT ANSWER WAS HOW TO CREATE A MIDDLE CLASS*
RELAXED, UNASSUMING AND HELPFUL, JONES WAS AT HIS BEST IN
INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FELLOW SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS.
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